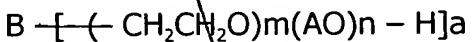


CLAIMS

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1. A chemically peeling agent comprising a component (A) having the following general formula:



(wherein B is an alcohol residue;

AO is an alkylene-oxy group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms;

a is an integer of 1 or more;

m is an integer of 4 or more; and

n is 0 or an integer of 1 or more;

provided that a molar amount m of ethylene oxide to be added is a value that amounts to 40% or more of the entire molecular weight of an ethylene oxide chain moiety)

and a phenol compound (B).

2. The chemically peeling agent as claimed in claim 1, wherein said component (A) is a polyethylene glycol.

3. The chemically peeling agent as claimed in claim 1, wherein said component (A) is a block polymer of ethylene oxide or propylene oxide.

4. The chemically peeling agent as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the alcohol residue of the component (A) is derived from an alkyl alcohol or an alkenyl alcohol.

5. The chemically peeling agent as claimed in any one of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, wherein said phenol compound (B) is salicylic acid.

6. The chemically peeling agent as claimed in any one of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, wherein said phenol compound (A) is a member selected from the group consisting of a phenol and a resorcinol.

7. The chemically peeling agent as claimed in any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, wherein a gelling agent or a viscosity-adjusting agent is added to the component (A) and the phenol compound (B).

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